

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Saturday Update for Yakima River**

Richland, Wash: The National Weather Service has updated its forecast for the Yakima River in the Kiona/Benton City area. As of 2 p.m. Saturday, forecasts indicate that the river will crest late Tuesday just under the Flood Stage of 13 feet.

Even with the lower projections, property owners along the river should continue to monitor water levels and take any precautions needed to protect life and property. Emergency officials remind residents to stay away from the fast moving water as it can be extremely hazardous.

Local officials will continue to monitor the situation and provide updated information as it becomes available. Up-to-date information is also available on the Benton County Emergency Services website at [www.bces.wa.gov](http://www.bces.wa.gov).

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NOTE to Editors: They have been some rumors indicating the river levels will be much higher than now forecast. Those rumors are totally false.